COST OF LIVING SHOULD BE PROBED

Three Lines of Investigation Are Suggested.

FUEL, FOOD, AND CLOTHING

Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade Could Prosecute the Neces sary Inquiry-Facilities of Transportation and Distribution Might Also Be Found at Fault,

High prices for the necessaries of life, including food, fuel, many articles of clothing, and household supplies suggest the serious consideration of several lines of investigation into the cost of living here in Washington. Under all the circumstances it seems that the time is ripe for the consumer to have an inning with a view to the protection of his interests.

It may be true or not that food, fuel, and clothing prices are too high. If they are it is important for all concerned that the fact or facts be established. If they are not too high it is only fair to the machinery of trade and manufacture that the truth of the situation be laid bare. Investigation into these things that would be thoroughly impartial would be of vast advantage at this time.

Business Facilities Criticised.

Hints have been made often that the general arrangements of transportation and distribution of products in this city are not economical to the consumer. The charge has been made that the Capital is not only poorly fed, but at too high a price. For example, it is said that a good part of the truck products consumed in this city, especially the early vegetables Baltimore and shipped back to this city, increasing the freight cost. It has been stated by men who know the facts that car loads of truck that might be used in Washington go lumbering through the city on heavily laden freight trains to obtained from Southern sources.

This lack of economy, it is understood, is not so much due to any difficulties in obtaining supplies as to old and superannuated methods of trade which have been long outgrown. The statement has been made that the lack of the right kind of storage facilities here have increased the cost of many kinds of provisions and fruits 5 or 10 per cent during the last

Cost Said to Be Too High,

Summing up the situation in a word The

On the assumption that the facts stated in this general way are true, every reason exists why the whole series of facilities of transportation and trade should be remedy the situation can possibly be suggested until it is known what is to be remedied

If meats cost too much through lack of transportation or through the manipulation of the supply and distribution, nothing in Washington is of greater moment than that the facts be found out and made known.

If Washington is paying from \$1 to \$1.50 a ton more for its fuel than it should pay when economically brought here and distributed, it is vastly important that the truth should be known.

furnished at a fair profit through better methods of handling, the consumer has a right to know that. If the calico dress and the woolen coat

are too dear in Washington no harm, but much good, would follow the establishment of the facts.

Trade Bodies Could Act.

those suggested ought to be made in the public interest, who shall make them? The Washington Herald suggests that the duty of such investigation lies at the High Prices of Leather and Change doors of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade. Working committees of either or both of these bodies, charged with investigations of this nature, could cal leanings could never be depended upon each city and town. to get to the bottom of the trouble or to

things should be found. Citizens of Washington are those most interested in the matter and the investigation, if made, should be made by them with the view of ascertaining the truth but not equal to the American boot in and of applying whatever remedy would style, or, as they say here, "not so

suggest itself to practical men. Could Make the Inquiry.

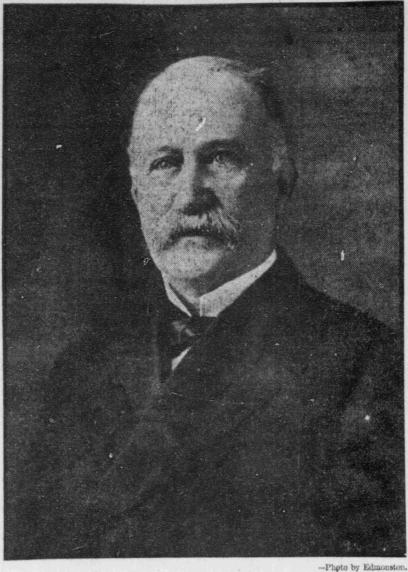
No reason exists why the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade should not take up this investigation and pursue it to the end. While both bodies are made up of business men, engaged pos- Fairmont and Clarksburg Comsibly in the trades which might be called to account for some form of short coming, no just cause for hesitation seems logical. In the general machinery of trade the commission man and the merchant are only receivers and distributors, each entitled to a fair measure of profit from the transactions they carry on. They should not be, in fact, and should not desire to be extortionate in their profits. A big volume of trade is better than a small one, and low prices give the bigger volume of trade, other things being equal, hence, it is best in the long run that methods should be economical, that profits should be just, and that the consumer should have an equal chance with the producer and the distributer

Beside business men the local trade bodies have lawyers among their members and many professional men who would be found useful in conducting the will be even better than the one just Sealed Package Ice Company, the officers investigation. Within the membership of the two bodies is represented all the sources of information needed to get at the truth about this high cost of living. To ascertain the facts would be vastly more practical than anything either body has undertaken in the past five years, and out of an investigation of this nature. which would have only the truth in view, would naturally follow some of the best movements vet devised for the upbuilding and prosperity of the city.

Three Investigations Needed.

in Washington, including the cost of transportation from the mines, the cost trial and railway purposes.

WASHINGTON FINANCIERS-No. 10.



In Sealed Packages.

late the Scales in Weighing.

Frozen in Packages.

When the customer desires to chip

the ice, he has only to remove the top

of the can, take out what is desired

and replace the cover. Or, if preferred,

The retail ice business has always

the sealed package process this is avoided

The business will be conducted by the

of which are James M. Baker, president;

James L. Karrick, vice president; Daniel

C. Roper, secretary and treasurer; Curtis

New Coins for China.

tion nickel coins of 5 and 10 cent denomi-

The German government at Tsingtau.

service, and value.

M. Smith, superintendent.

but in Chinese characters.

of liquors and beverages.

livered to customers.

THOMAS W. SMITH, President National Capital Bank.

One of the most careful and conserv- | Mr. Smith was born at Gordonsville, brought up from the South, is carried to ative bankers in Washington is Thomas formerly Concord, Lancaster County, Pa., W. Smith, who less than a year ago was January 1, 1846, son of Henry Weller raised to the head of the institution on Smith (1816-93), a manufacturer of ag- South, photographs, &c. Then comes the Capitol Hill. Mr. Smith had been vice ricultural machines, and Rosannah (Wil- personal representatives of these publipresident of the National Capital Bank son) Smith. He was educated in a dis- cations. Then the announcement that for many years and had a thorough trict school in his native place and in an such and such a paper will issue a tioned the idea generally conveys buy-Northern points, and the same quality of knowledge of its condition and needs, and academy at Columbia, Pa. products bought by Washington commis- was the logical man for succession to the sion men and dealers in other ways at a presidency. Mr. Smith brings to his bank he studied pharmacy for two years. At of the most influential publications in that the efforts of the majority of brokgreater first cost than they could be the results of a long business experience seventeen he joined the homeguard, Penn- America have announced their intention ers in Washington are devoted to just in Washington and a many-sided activity sylvania militia, the Confederate general, to devote themselves to the exploitation this class of property. in public affairs for the uplift of the city. Early, having made a raid into the of the South, due to the fact that they For a few years back, however, there Besides being the president of the in- State. At eighteen he worked on a farm consider it the coming section of the has been growing up in the Capital operstitution named, he is trustee of the in Maryland. East Washington Savings Bank and a In 1868 Mr. Smith entered the employ director of the Washington Loan and of George W. Linville & Co., lumber mer- American, the New York Tribune. Col- eral brokers have turned their attention Trust Company, and is a member of the chants, of Washington. He soon obtained lier's Weekly, the Buffalo Express, and with much success to deals in property National Geographic Society and a so thorough a knowledge of the business the Chicago Record Herald. Each one at a distance, and some sales have been

member of the board of governors of the that he became associated with Mr. Lin- of these great papers has been in com- pulled off by Washington men for coun-Commercial Club. Mr. Smith has served ville as partner. In 1872 he became a munication with the Progressive Union, try property in Virginia and other States, as president of the Washington Board of member of the lumber firm of W. P. obtaining data and photographs of the and a few brokers have made good com-Trade for two years, and is now pres!- Cottrel & Co., but two years later he South, New Orleans, Louisiana, and this missions on property sales at Newport, dent of the East Washington Citizens' started an independent business, locating section of the Mississippi Valley. Their Bar Harbor, and other resorts in the Washington Herald is informed that Association, and president of the Eastern a lumber yard on the corner of Indiana combined circulation and influence is Northern States. Washington not only does not get what it Dispensary and Casualty Hospital. As a avenue and First street, and later adding enormous, and the part Louisiana and ought to have in the way of supplies, and member of the Associated Charities of the manufacture of woodwork. The num- New Oreleans will play will not be that it pays too high a price for them Washington, he has served on the hous- ber of his employes was twenty, but with small irrespective of the short supplies of the ing condition committee, and on the com- the increase of business, additional help mittee on the causes and prevention of was secured from time to time, and at consumption. present (1910) the number is 120.

of distribution locally, and the profits to the dealer is proper, and if rightly made, gation by proper authority. No way to propriety, be made to include both anthracite and bituminous coal, wood, and

The sources of supply, the cost of transportation, the methods of distribution, and the cost of provisions sold in our markets should be made the subject of another investigation.

In like manner, the avenues of supply and the cost of clothing, shoes, and household articles might be made the subject of inquiry with good results.

It might not be that the cost of these things would be found too great, but the vegetables cost more than they could be suspicion lurks in the minds of many, and is growing, that the consumer pays too much for what he buys, and this suspicion can be silenced only by pointing out that it is without foundation.

The Washington trade bodies have committees which could be charged with this mits that no more timely or important task can be undertaken by either body Assuming that such investigations as this winter than that summarized here.

BRITISH SHOE TRADE

of Style Affects Business.

The shoe business in Great Britain is largely controlled by trusts, one of the in a reasonable time get to the facts and chief combinations being known as the sale of ice cream. undoubtedly could suggest the remedy. Public Benefit Company. This trust has A Congressional investigation with politi- store all over England-one or more in

Their goods are British made. Conpoint a way out, if a deplorable state of siderable improvement has been shown in the manufacture of boots and shoes in Great Britain during the past five years, new machinery having been introduced. The result is a boot less clumsy.

The trade in England is now being affected by the high price of leather.

TRACTION EARNINGS GROW.

pany Makes 4 Per Cent on Stock, The detailed statement of expenses and absolute sanitation throughout the period earnings of the Fairmont and Clarksburg of the manufacture, delivery, and con-West Virginia Traction Company, bears out the optimistic predictions of the management, that the year 1909 would be the banner one in the history of the company

thus far. After deducting fixed charges, taxes and insurance, and 5 per cent dividend into the refrigerator at time of depaid on the \$1,800,000 of preferred stock, livery. there was a balance of \$73,883, which is on the \$1,800,000 of common stock out- its practical operation has been that after standing. Physically, the system is in a delivery route is acquired at great exbetter condition than ever before, and pense, the company finds itself at the owing to this fact the ratio of operating mercy of the drivers as to service. In going on.

expenses to gross earnings is smaller. The territory traversed by the system and the customers get full weight, proper is developing at a rapid rate, and the management believes the current year

Brazil Has Little Timber. Brazil is far from having the amount of forest with which it is generally credited in the United States and Europe though it has enough to supply all its needs under normal conditions. The fact Kiaochow, has recently put into circulathat the trees of value are so greatly scattered in the forests, that so many of nations, minted in Germany. The obthem are heavier than water and cannot verse of the coins bear the German eagle be floated, and that the cost of transpor- and an anchor. "Deutsch Klautschau Getation is very high combine to make it bie" (German Klaochow Territory) is cir-An early inquiry into the coal question impossible to supply most portions of the cularly inscribed around the eagle. The country with lumber and logs for indus- reverse bears the same as the obverse,

MIGRATION SHOULD SWING SOUTHWARD

Large Movement.

SUCH AS MADE WEST RICH

Presss Takes Up Subject with a View Canada to Vacant Farm Lands Down South-Will Boom South.

1910 should witness the beginning of a acter which a few years ago built up to Canada toward our own country, era of prosperity in the South." where the genuine American has everything in his favor.'

Union, expressed his faith in the immedi ate upbuilding of the South.

"The foreshadowing of this impendbeing shown in many different ways,' he continued, "but all leading to one conclusion and one idea-that the eyes of the leaders of thought and action in the overcrowded East, and of the sagacious man, East, West, and North, are being turned on the South, and its possibilities The surface indications are significant and are demonstrated to organizations such as the Progressive Union, to whom inquiries and propositions come from other parts of the country.

Press Now Active. "First come the newspaper and the periodical, seeking articles about the

United States.

Will Boom the South.

that the South is the next West. What ington summer. BOON FOR THE CUSTOMERS liver It in Closed Vessels-Does Not to us either manuscripts or sugges- carry them through to success. Melt and Driver Cannot Manipu- tions. They should reach us not later

"Acting upon this, I at once for-Delivery of goods in the "original pack- Louisiana and New Orleans views, and to Great Britain. He keeps advertise age," famillar in some of the States an article which I trust will ments going in several English papers, work, and The Washington Herald sub- where local option prevails, bids fair to strike a new chord, and rid the and has sold to Englishmen homes in be put to the test in another way in people of other sections of the the United States. Mr. Parish is now Washington. Here it will be ice that United States of mistaken ideas, in Florida looking up several large will be brought to the consumer instead which do us great injury. The article places for winter homes which his deals with the health and climate of clients in the North desire to buy there. Plans are being developed here for the the South, even before the agricul- Mr. Parish has sold within a year or John W. Garrett became president, his common right forgotten, and the law in Plans are being developed here for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and social so a dozen or more of the historic farms for the tural, commercial, industrial, and tural, commercial, and tural, commercial, and tural, phases are touched upon. I have quoted in Virginia to wealthy people from the ried in the same vessels to the consumer, and the "package" returned to the facand the package returned to the lactory after the ice is used. The method spencer succeeding him in 1887. The following him in 1887. of manufacture and delivery will be much pital Service, delivered before the coast down to Florida. the same as that which applies in the Under this method the water is congealed in a closed vessel, pressed into sealed, without the ice being touched man will risk his life, health, or his about the old historic homes of the natransferred to a refrigerated room,

lieves to be unhealthy. thence to refrigerated wagons, and de-The net quantity of ice in a can is utterly unfounded is this belief. An unout authentic facts about these old twenty-five pounds. It is delivered in derstanding of health conditions is a homes, and that generally the history these original packages into the refriger- prerequisite to successful colonization in and romance connected with an old planator at the home of the customer, where the South, and should be recognized by tation goes further toward completing remains until the ice is used. The every commercial organization, railroad, the deal than the fertility of the soil or ooling effect is the same as with the naked ice and the sealed can prevents ested in the promotion of the South, the anyl of the food products in the refilling of its acres, the establishment of frigerator from coming into direct factories and business houses. contact with the ice; hence there is

Stop Exodus to Canada

The United States has lost hundreds of families of Britain are getting places of the ice may be dumped from the can thousands of inhabitants and millions of abode here equal to slightly more than 4 per cent shown good profits, but the difficulty in the South. It was brought about by he is in a measure a pioneer in the busi-Canadian railroads, in conjunction with others will find and follow it in the futhe Canadian government, and is still ture.

James L. Parsons

Contractor and Builder

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lem, but I believe the South offers the solution. The American citizens who flock to Canada are the best and most Landon R. Walker Will Establish

desirable; the thrifty, investing farmer of the West and New England. If they must go why should they be allowed to leave the United States and take their energy and resources with them? They must be shown a better way, and the Earnest, to Landon R. Walker, of Rich-New Orleans Man Predicts a new movement toward the South Chevy Chase. It is understood the what great national journals such as price paid was near \$1,000 an acre. Collier's Weekly believes to be the rising tide of a country-wide invasion tween the electric car line and the Metroand exploitation of the South.

riches, will feel the pulse of a new life lop -of a commercial, social, and industrial It is the intention of the purchaser to to Describing Dixie's Advantages, development, which will surpass even Would Divert Immigration Into that huge movement which made the sive improvements, and occupy the prop-West a great empire in itself.

"In this attraction of attention toward the South one very potent agency must not be overlooked. For over a year the Southern Commercial Congress, One New Orleans, Jan. 22.-"The year of by constant agitation and intelligent handling of facts, has been able to present the South in a most favorable

In these words M. B. Trezevant, manager of the New Orleans Progressive SEEK RURAL HOMES

ing movement has been shown, and is Rich Families Buying Historic Spots in Dixie.

LOCAL BROKERS MAKE DEALS

Washington Real Estate Men Who Extend Operations Far Beyond Boundaries of the District-New the Hands of Local Agents.

When real estate operations are mensuch and such a paper will issue a tobed the best fing and selling property in the District in Brazil, and take a long step toward expensive restaurants. He shows that At the age of fifteen he was employed done from time to time within the past of Columbia or the immediate vicinity as a milhand in Columbia, after which decade or so, to-day no less than five in Maryland and Virginia. It is true

ations of some magnitude that have a "These five are Hearst's New York wider scope than the popular idea. Sev- as fixed a year ago-\$2.67 per ton of 2,240

Sells Villas Up North,

One of the brokers who has carried on this class of sales is Frederick May For a part of the year Mr. May has an "In the issue of Collier's Weekly of office at one of the Northern resorts and Property Was Chartered Eighty-December 18, the following editorial does a good business renting cottages and selling homes and villas to Wash-'Collier's for January 22 will be a ingtonians and others who desire sum-Southern number. We take that means mer homes on the Northern ocean coast, to give emphatic setting and the wid- in the New Hampshire woods, or other est possible dissemination to the idea points away from the rigors of Wash-

has gone on in the West during the Several brokers have from time to fourteenth in the line of succession to acid; blackberry brandies and port wine Cooling Product May Be Put past three decades will take place in time been instrumental in negotiating direct the affairs of the historical old cor- "improved" with glucose, coal-tar dyes the South during the next three. The sales of farms and country estates in poration which is the ploneer of the rail- and sodium benzoate; baking powder forline of migration within the United the Loudoun and Shenandoah valleys, ways in America. States, which for a century has and at other points in Virginia and the Eighty-one years ago, on January 2, or yellowed with aniline, and pepper flowed west and northwest, will turn Carolinas. It is no uncommon thing for the initial meeting of citizens of Balti- pleasingly variegated with ground olive south and southeast. We wish our some Washingtonian or buyer from the more was held. A week later a commit- pits, cocoanut shells, starch and sand Southern number not only to develop North to drift into the Capital and give tee was appointed whose report at the and stones. this idea of material expansion but to a local broker a commission to buy a expiration of the following week in favor treat as adequately as possible the country place at some point in Tidewater of building a railroad to the Ohio River Company Forms to Manufacture Ice South's charm and interest from every Virginia or the Piedmont region of North was unanimously adopted. Another week who fought the good fight for the enacted for Household Purposes and De- point of view. To that end we shall Carolina. Our brokers being enterpris- and the charter was ready, it being bill may not be content to sit quiet and be indebted to all who will submit ing, undertake these operations and granted by the legislature the next day-

Gives His Time to It. One local broker, Grant Parish, gives most of his time to this class of propwarded an assortment of Southern and erties. He even extends his operations

cially dwells upon the fact that our becomes acquainted with some of the climate is beneficial, not only to health, foremost people of the country and climate is beneficial, not only to health, foremost people of the country and country are considered as a country and c South in its true light, and show how part of his duty as a broker is to find department. or colonization society or company inter- its accessibility to the tides of travel. Business Will Expand.

Mr. Parish is of the opinion that not only the rich people of the United States, but those of foreign lands will more and "That the South will prove a most more seek fine homes in the South. He potent agency in turning the tide of says the States below Washington teem American emigration now going to with country places which, with com-Canada, to my mind, is unquestionable, paratively small outlay, can be made to and the right sort of work on modern surpass almost any rural home in Engand intelligent lines will bring this about. land, and that some of the enterprising

dollars through the lure of the Canadian Mr. Parish believes that the search for Northwest. These inhabitants came from such places of abode on the part of rich the Middle West and the East, not from people has just begun, and that while highly skilled work on the part of the ness of supplying this class of property,

That Washington should become the "How to stop this drain upon American leader in this kind of real estate operacitizenship and resources is still a prob- tions in natural, considering the fact that it is the Mecca of all good Americans and the place of all others which for eigners delight most to visit.

> Links in Pan-American Railroad. It is announced by David E. Thompson president of the Mexican Pan-American Railroad, that on April 1 through passenger service will be begun over its 280 miles from Gamboa, on the Tehuantepe National, to Ayutla, Guatemala. It is stated that the United Fruit Company has secured a contract from the Guatemalan government to build seventy-fly miles of railroad between Santa Ana and Sacapa. When this is completed, in 1911. the capital of Salvador will be linked with that of Guatemala, and so with Mexico, and on to the United States.

BUYS TWENTY-ONE ACRES.

Summer Home at Chevy Chase. William Corcoran Hill, in connection with the Soule Realty Company, has sold for John W. Simpson and Jacob B. movement toward the South is mond, Va., twenty-one acres of land at

The property is situated midway be politan Southern branch of the Baltimore "Already the home of the best of the and Ohio Railroad, and in a rapidly grow-Anglo-Saxon race in America, the South, ing section. It adjoins the subdivision of with its vast and practically untouched Kenilworth and the estate of George Dun-

remodel the dwelling, make other extenerty as a summer residence.

AMERICAN BANK IN BRAZIL

Will Be Established Soon in City of Rio Janeiro.

Joseph J. Slechta, vice consul general, movement southward, of the same char- light before the great newspapers of the of Rio Janeiro, informs the government, country. Though the movement of the here, that American capitalists are about the great West to its present command- Southern Commercial Congress is only a to start a bank in that city. The bank starch, sand, and stones have again reing position in agricultural and finan- little over a year old, it nevertheless has will be incorporated under the laws of sumed their pristine place upon the citicial strength, and probably will result in done great good, and is destined to play Brazil, and it is expected that some of zen's daily bill of fare. turning the tide of American emigration an important part in the pending new the business methods common here will be adopted in that city.

> will be the extension of banking opera- blame lies at the door of Secretary of tions to include the features of a credit Agriculture Wilson." and banking institution in the United

One of the first things a foreigner notes | zine. with reference to commercial transactions | in Brazil is the great amount of currency carried to and from banks during the business day. It is a very common sight to see an employe with his arms literally how those men who consented to eat loaded down with currency walking benzoate of soda suffered, during the through the streets to or from his em- period of experimentation, from a variety ployer's place of business. Practically no of logically resulting maladies: colic inducements are given by foreign banks cramps, intestinal irritation, nausea Class of Business Growing Up in to encourage deposits, and in this line, vomiting, headache, diarrahea, constipatoo, there is here an opportunity for an tion, kidney troubles, irregularity of the American bank.

timate banking operation which ex- lassitude perience shows to be feasible, an American bank would greatly extend the article to the little bright green peas prestige of American business interests which help out the price of lamb at securing for them the commanding position which they should occupy.

Australian Coal Prices.

The Colliery Proprietors' Association at that Australian port have fixed the local bassador, M. Jusserand, these doctored selling price of coal for 1910 at the same peas were granted "executive immunity." pounds f. o. b. Newcastle for best round coal. The prices of lower grades were states that the Secretary dominated the also made the same.

Long Line of Able Men Have Directed Affairs of B. & O.

three Years Ago and Has Had Interesting History.

February 28.

They did things early in 1827, and by April 24 all the stock had been subscribed, other preliminaries perfected, and the first president eleced. He was Philip E.

Serving until 1836 Mr. Thomas was sucway at the end of the year to Louis Mc-1855, when he was succeeded by Chauncey six years. His son, Robert Garrett, came from the address of Dr. Walter Wy- North and the West. He has found to the fore as president in 1884, Samuel though his stomach be that of an ostrich, States Public Health and Marine Hos- some along the ocean and inlets of the lowing year Charles E. Mayer became drink in the dew; for it is the law that president, being succeeded in 1896 by John is being poisoned, and in its corruption Southern Commercial Congress, in In a recent talk about the matter he K. Cowen, who filled the position until every citizen is corrupted." Washington, in which he gives the said that he found this class of business 1901, when L. F. Loree succeeded him, to South a splendid reputation, and espe- specially interesting and profitable. He be in turn succeeded by Oscar G. Murray Increasing Immigration Into Canada

HOLDS FOOD LAW IS A DEAD LETTER

Expert Declares Government Has Nullified Act.

ACCUSES SECRETARY WILSON

Permitting Use of Benzoate of Soda as Preservative Practically Destroys Legislation that Took Seventeen Years to Enact-Other Poisons Appear on Bill of Fare,

"President Roosevelt's Remsen comnission, which permitted the use of benzoate of soda as a food preservative, did a work that 'is as alien to scientific truth as it is abhorrent to common sense." "Sulphate of copper, aniline dyes, alum,

"The pure food legislation that represented a victory gained only after seven-There is reason to believe that the great teen years of hard fighting, is now a function of an American bank in Brazil dead letter, and a goodly portion of the

These are declarations made by Samuel States. Credit paper, as used generally Hopkins Adams, publicist and expert in by business concerns and private indi- food adulteration, in the February Hampviduals in the United States is almost ton's Magazine. The report is the result of a long investigation for that maga-

Experiences of Poison Squad.

Going boldly into detail concerning the recorded symptoms of the government's "poison squad," Mr. Adams plainly tells heart action, wide variations of temper-By including in its functions every legi- ature, depression, loss of appetite, and

Mr. Adams refers in the course of his most of these canned peas come from France, and that sulphate of copper is used in their manufacture, and he declares that, because of Mr. Roosevelt's personal friendship for the French Am-

Scores Secretary Wilson, As for Secretary Wilson, the article convention of the National Association of State Food and Dairy Departments, held last August in Denver, and that, due to his influence, a president was elected who shows no interest in curbing the use of benzoate of soda in preserving food stuffs. To quote Mr. Adams further:

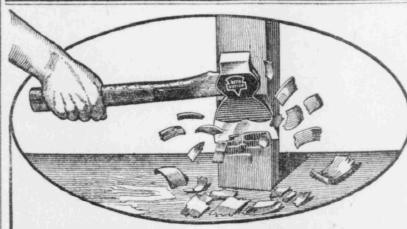
"The market teems with honey that is mainly glucose; jellies, jams, and fruit products adulterated with starch and agar-agar, colored with aniline dyes coal tar), and preserved with phosphoric, sulphurous, or benzoic acid; coal-tarcolored flavoring extracts, innocent of any taint of the fruit whose name is upon the label: catching that are tinted and doctored out of all semblance to what a Daniel Willard, president of the Balti- decent catchup should be; pickles and more and Ohio Railroad Company, is the relishes dosed with alum and benzoic tified with alum; candy, greened, rouged,

> Congress Should Act. "There still remains Congress. The men

concrete issue before them; the country's homes flooded with the very drugged and falsified foods which the statute was meant to prohibit; a reform board created out of nothing and irresponsible to any properly established authority, still scientifically potent to bless or ban; Harvey ceeded by Joseph W. Patterson, who gave W. Wiley, the man who throughout his Lane. The latter served until 1848, when Thomas Swann came in, remaining until the principle of the law, bound and Brooks. Three years afterward, in 1858, the Board of Food and Drug Control; the

"Here is a status to stir any citizen,

a can of proper size for the ice box and but to material prosperity as well. No comes into possession of many facts Mr. Spencer was the first president to against 116,596 in the corresponding period come from the operaing department, Mr. of 1908, an increase of 29 per cent. From by human hands. The cans are then property in a country which he be-North and West are after places with is the third. Mr. Murray was the only 71,988, an increase of 60 per cent. Ar-"Therefore our first task is to put the a history in the South. He says that president coming up through the traffic rivals at ocean ports numbered 78,268, a 6 per cent increase.



A Well-Named Hatchet

It takes a mighty good hatchet to stand up under the rough treatment it usually gets. There's one kind of hatchet that will hold a keen edge long after the ordinary "bargain" hatchet has gone to the junk pile. It bears the name

The metal is best tool steel-the handle well-shaped, second growth hickory. The Grellner Patent Lock Wedge makes it impossible for the hatchet to work loose or fly off the handle. Every Keen Kutter hatchet is edged and hand whetted at the factory.

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